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**Re: PQ ref 2926/20 The number of full time equivalent general practitioners operating in Co. Monaghan
For each of the past five years; his plans to address the current shortages in this regard in many parts of the
county.**

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Year - Number of GPs

2015 - 20

2016 - 22

2017 - 24

2018 - 24

2019 - 25

2020 - 25 (To increase to 26 when competition is finalised)

At the beginning of 2020 a competition was ran and a successful candidate took up a locum post in a permanent basis in a long standing GP practice in Monaghan town. There is a slow lead in to finalising this post due to Covid 19 restrictions, however, when complete, this will increase the overall numbers to 26 GMS GPs in Co Monaghan.

As outlined above, our GP numbers in Co. Monaghan are steadily increasing. This is due to constantly reviewing practices and actively promoting competition. The North Easts GP Training Scheme has become the largest in the country and this will help increase the number of newly qualified GP's in the region.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dermot Monaghan,
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